

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JEFF ESSMANN, on January 20, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 181, 1/12/2009

Executive Action: None

Committee Business:

00:00:22 Chairman Essmann

00:00:42 Sen. Gebhardt

HEARING ON SB 181

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 181**,
Require tax information agents to report certain real
estate transactions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:55 Mark Josephson, attorney, Big Timber, Sweetgrass Title
Company, and President Montana Land Title Association
(MLTA)

EXHIBIT(tas13a01)

00:10:28 Robert J. Sewell, III, President, First American Title
Company of Montana, Inc.

EXHIBIT(tas13a02)

00:13:13 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:15:51 Jon Bennion, representing Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:16:30 Holly Franz, representing Montana Society of CPA's

00:16:57 Ted Lovec, President, American Title and Escrow Company

00:18:37 Joe Roberts, representing Montana Association of
Realtors

00:20:01 William C. Gowan, Montana Land Title Company

00:21:12 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

EXHIBIT(tas13a03)

EXHIBIT(tas13a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:25 Sen. Gillan

00:27:58 Gene Walborn, DOR

00:30:15 Sen. Gillan

00:30:24 Mark Josephson, Sweetgrass Title Company

00:32:55 Sen. Erickson

00:32:11 Gene Walborn, DOR

00:33:48 Sen. Erickson

00:34:13 Sen. Story

00:34:49 Gene Walborn

00:35:50 Sen. Kaufmann

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (con't)

00:36:33 Gene Walborn, DOR
00:37:11 Sen. Kaufmann
00:37:39 Mark Josephson
00:38:51 Sen. Story
00:39:17 Gene Walborn, DOR
00:40:08 Sen. Story
00:40:44 Mark Josephson
00:41:37 Chairman Essmann
00:42:13 Holly Franz
00:42:50 Chairman Essmann
00:43:45 Gene Walborn, DOR
00:44:35 Sen. Gebhardt
00:45:09 Holly Franz
00:46:00 Chairman Essmann
00:46:08 Mark Josephson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:48 Sen. Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:40 A.M.

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas13aad.pdf](#))